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SUMMARY OF CASES ACCEPTED DURING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2001

[This news release is issued to inform the public and the press of cases that the Supreme Court has accepted and of their general subject matter. The description or descriptions set out below do not necessarily reflect the view of the court, or define the specific issues that will be addressed by the court.]

#01-03 Minster v. Contadina Foods, Inc., S093526. (A089857; 84 Cal.App.4th 442.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed a summary judgment in a civil action. The court ordered briefing deferred pending decision in Camargo v. Tjaarda Dairy, S088632 (#00-93), which concerns whether a cause of action for negligent hiring may be brought against the hirer of an independent contractor by an employee of the independent contractor who was injured in the course of his employment.

#01-04 City of Los Angeles v. Superior Court, S093628. (B143088; 84 Cal.App.4th 767.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal denied a petition for peremptory writ of mandate. This case concerns whether a trial court, acting on a Pitchess motion (Pitchess v. Superior Court (1974) 11 Cal.3d 531), can require an agency to produce and disclose peace officer personnel records that are more than five years old, despite the statutory bar (Evid. Code, § 1045(b)(1)) on disclosure of such documents.